

# WILL PRICE WITHOUT THEM

## STANDARD OIL MAGNATE GIVES LITTLE INFORMATION

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### PENNSYLVANIA CO. OWNS 50 PER CENT OF STOCK



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Rueger was arrested at Leffingwell and Locke's law office by Detective Stoep at the request of James J. Watts of the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, surety on his bond in the sum of \$500.

The period of Rueger's speculation extends for more than five months. He entered the employ of the Kinloch Telephone Company in December, 1903, having been previously employed in the ticket office at Union Station.

His position was only temporary, but his method of bookkeeping was of such a high order that he was held on the pay roll at a salary of \$6 per month. He remained in the employ of the company until January 15, when he was discharged for misappropriating the funds of his employers.

Rueger is married and has a wife and two small children, who are living with his wife's sister in Windsor place.

Being unable to maintain his family properly on his small salary, he says that he tried to make money by playing the races. His first bets were made on the local races and were small, but, as he was unable to win anything, he increased the amount of his wagers, hoping that the tide of fortune might turn his way and recuperate his losses.

When his bets grew larger he began to hold out the money of his employer, and so soon found himself deep into the debt of the telephone company.

When he had lost the first \$60, he says he took another \$60, which he bet and lost in wagers of \$6. When the local racing season closed, he says, he continued to play in the handbooks, but was unable to win enough to get out his employer's debt.

"I am guilty," said Rueger, "and I have a clean breast of it both to my employer and to the surety company. They promised to give time to me to make good the shorting and I have since tried hard to secure employment, but when you are up against it, it seems that everything goes wrong."

"I have not seen my wife for nearly a month, not wishing to live at the expense of her relatives. I went all over the city and wrote to several of my friends trying to raise money to make good my shorting, but was unable to get the money."

Rueger gave as the reason for his separation from his wife the fact that they were ejected from their home at No. 216 Wabash street a month ago for nonpayment of rent.

A warrant charging him with embezzlement will be applied for this morning.

### MURKINS IN ILLINOIS CITIES AND TOWNS

#### KILLED BY FALLING KEELEY ACQUITTED; ACROSS LIVE WIRES ZIMMERMAN GUILTY

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